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# OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 19, 2003, rejecting claims 1-30. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 3,666,565 and 3,892,592 to Fukuda, *et al.* (hereinafter, "Fukuda I" and "Fukuda II," respectively, or collectively as "Fukuda"), and 5,804,329 to Amendola (hereinafter, "Amendola"). The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance.

A Listing of Claims (unamended) begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.